

Key Spouse Meeting

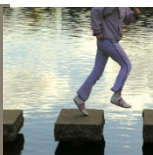


Col. Scott Long, the 388th Fighter Wing commander, will host the next spouse's meeting from 6-7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Hill's Airmen and Family Readiness Center. All commander and 1st sergeant attendance is required in addition to key spouses. For more information, please contact Stephanie Green at (801) 586-2694.

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HCC Change of Command



A change of command ceremony for the three departing honorary commanders will be held Jan. 12 at Club Hill. The evening will begin with a social at 6 p.m. with dinner and a ceremony to follow. Please contact Julie Schmid at 388fw.ccp@hill.af.mil or (801) 777-3881 to RSVP.

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388 FW children's holiday party

Children's eyes lit up as they heard the low rumble of an F-16 jet engine pump through the stereo speakers. As the sound slowly fades away, it can only mean one thing to the families - Santa has finally arrived in his jet, and the 388th Fighter Wing Children's Christmas party is under way.

Military families joined together Dec. 10 at Hill for a day of holiday fun and cheer with Santa.

Hundreds of military children participated in playing games, having their faces painted, enjoying milk and cookies, opening presents, decorating ornaments and of course, taking pictures with Santa.

"This is our family, and this is Christmas...military style," said Barb Hill, wife to Col. Nathan Hill, 388 FW Operations Group commander. She and other military spouses helped organize the event with Cheryl Costello, wife to Col. Michael Costello, 388 FW Maintenance Group commander.

RED FLAG Exercise



Airmen from the 4th Fighter Squadron will deploy to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., for RED FLAG, which will be held Jan. 23-Feb. 3. This exercise gives pilots the experience of multiple, intensive air combat sorties in the safety of a training environment.

Jan. 23-
Feb. 3

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Giving homeless a helping hand during the holiday season

Volunteers from the 388th Fighter Wing demonstrated their commitment to service as they served lunch to nearly 100 homeless guests of St. Anne's shelter in Ogden Dec. 6.

"This is my fourth time volunteering to feed the homeless," said Master Sgt. Ricky Harmon. "It's so nice to help people especially with the holidays right around the corner."

"We're so thankful for the consistent support and love the 388th Fighter Wing and Hill provide to our center throughout the year," said Dani Charbonneau, St. Anne's volunteer coordinator.

Staci Long, Col. Long's wife, also attended and received a tour of the facility.

"I was grateful for the opportunity to spend time with the Airmen and watch them help others during this holiday season," Mrs. Long said. "It was a humbling experience for all of us, and I'm thankful to be part of such a generous group of volunteers."

Visit www.stannescenter.org or call (801) 621-5036 to learn more about St. Anne's Center or to volunteer.

Thank you, and Happy Holidays from the 388 FW!

We were both honored and delighted to see so many Falcons, honorary commanders and other civic leaders attend the joint 388 and 419 FW Thanksgiving Feast. The massive meal fed more than 1,200 people, including our Airmen and their families, using 30 turkeys, 45 hams, and nearly every food one could desire on Turkey Day.

We extend our warmest wishes to all of our families and community leaders for a joyous holiday season. We are grateful for all you continue to do to support our wing!

Key Events at a Glance

Rand takes command of 12 AF

Col. Scott Long, Tech. Sgt. Brandon Fenner and Airman 1st Class Kyle Firestone represented the 388 FW at Lt. Gen. Robin Rand's change of command ceremony Dec. 1 at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Rand visits 388 FW

Lt. Gen. Rand flew with the wing Dec. 15-16. He will also be the keynote speaker at the annual 388 FW awards banquet Feb. 7.

Vice wing commander visits deployed Airmen

Col. Rick LeBlanc, 388 FW vice commander, visited the 421st Fighter Squadron in the Asia-Pacific region Dec. 10-18. They're deployed there to support the U.S. Pacific Command commander's theater security package mission.

Attended ALS graduation

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Batzer, 388 FW command chief, represented the wing at the Hill Airmen Leadership School graduation Dec. 15. Sixteen of the 34 graduates were from the 388 FW, and Senior Airman Jon Sweeten earned top honors with the John L. Levitow award.

Held STEP promotion

Newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Brandon Fenner received his stripes at a surprise STEP promotion during a commander's call Dec. 12.

Conducted UTTR cleanup

More than 13,000 pounds of recyclable material was recently removed from the Utah Test and Training Range.

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